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Mme Jean Sainteny ("Claude")

5/13/71 8:15 a.m.

S: Do you know what happened? My house was called at 3:30 in the morning from your office.

K: Oh my god.

S: They must not have realized the change of time. It was 3:30 in the morning and they called to our country place. The gardener was completely amazed.

K: Oh God. That's the problem, not realizing there was a change in time. Were you there?

S: No, I wasn't awakened; I am in Paris.

K: I can do it on the 24th or 25th.

S: I think that could be all right. Jean is leaving Saturday morning early. He is six days on the boat. The wind is always good and is always blowing in the same direction. He is fairly sure to be on the 22nd in Bermuda.

K: For me the best is the 25th.

S: For him the only thing is he must be in Paris on the 26th.

K: He must leave on the 26th?

S: I guess that would be all right.

K: I can do it either on the 24th or the 25th.

S: But he must find a plane from Bermuda.

K: Are you coming too?

S: I might go to Bermuda and wait for him there. But we wouldn't stay long in Washington. He must be in Paris on the 26th.

K: Then you almost have to leave on the evening of the 25th. We could have lunch on the 25th. Why don't we plan that and I might invite one or two of my collaborators. And if you are free you come too. How will I find out?

S: First I must ask \_\_\_\_\_ and be sure I can find a hotel in Bermuda to be sure I have a hotel for me. I have many problems because my mother broke her leg, but I would love to come.

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K: We would like for you to come. There is only one thing Chip Bohlen and I agree on, that you are the most beautiful woman in France.

S: Perhaps not any more. Maybe what would be best is if you could have a plane in Bermuda.

K: Let me look into it.

S: If someone in your office could be sure we could have a plane . . .

K: We will look into that. I can't tell you for sure right now.

S: I think it is a short flight.

K: About an hour or an hour and a half. We will check into that. I'll call you at this number early next week.

S: Jean will leave anyhow Saturday morning, and if he has no news from you he will try to reach you from Bermuda. Tomorrow night I may be at the other number in the country.

K: I will find you and hope you and Jean can come. I want generally to talk with him. I have no specific problem now, but I always find one after I have talked to him. But I would love to see him, and love to see you again.

S: We would not stay very long. There isn't much to do in Washington except seeing you.

K: We'll give you the grade-A sightseeing tour.

S: If your people could plan the transportation from Bermuda to Washington and if anyone could tell me which is the hotel to go to in Bermuda, that would be fine.

K: We will take care of all of that.

S: There are other things to do I know. You are not a tourist agency.

K: But there must be something I can do well. I'll try being a tourist agent.

S: I had word of you from Bruce.

K: From whom?

S: David Bruce.

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K: Oh yes. I love him. He's an outstanding man.

S: He is getting bald.

K: I don't blame him. I hope he spoke well of me.

S: Oh yes.

K: He will be here that week while you are here. Perhaps we can have dinner with him. I will try to call you before the end of the day tomorrow to tell you what arrangements have been made.

[At end of conversation Mr. Kissinger said: "Will someone do these things? He mentioned finding the best hotel and said "there must be some commercial planes."]

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